

## HORRORS OF LIVES OF STOCK YARDS WORKERS BARED

Cold, Hungry Families Herded  
Like Cattle in Miserablehovels,  
U. S. Investigators Find.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Children left on the charity of others and herded into groups of fifty and more while their mothers worked twelve hours a day were cited today by Judge Samuel Alschuler, Federal arbitrator in the stock yards labor controversy, as pointing to the wretched condition of life among employees of the Chicago packers.

Alone in homes heated by stoves, where any childlike fancy might bring about a fatal fire, or left by their mothers at the Guardian Angels' Home, the little waifs of the poor were forced to share the burden of their elders' poverty, the Federal arbitrator discovered on his personal tour of the workers' homes.

Judge Alschuler made the trip to get first hand information on conditions in the homes of the employees of the packers. Twelve homes were visited. Five were selected by John Kikulski, a labor organizer; four were picked by stock yards welfare workers, adding the packers, and the others were selected at random.

The party was divided into two groups. In one automobile rode Judge Alschuler, Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the packers, and his daughter, Miss Cecelia Walsh, and her friend, Miss Evelyn Brown; John Kikulski, organizer of the Stock Yards Labor Council, and Father Stephen Bubacz of St. John's Polish Church.

In the other automobile there were Carl Meyer, attorney for the packers, fortified with three welfare workers, representing the packers, and an interpreter.

**FIFTY CHILDREN LEFT IN HOME WHILE MOTHERS WORK.**  
At the Guardian Angels' Home the Judge saw fifty children whose mothers brought them in every morning at 5 o'clock, left them all day and called for them at 6 P. M.

"These children seem to be happy and well fed," commented one of the welfare workers.

"That's because Father Grudinski feeds them out of his own pocket," said Kikulski.

The party was shown the dormitories of the girls who live at the home. There are about forty living there at the present time, all working in the yards, Father Grudinski told Judge Alschuler most of them had left their homes because of the unsanitary conditions existing.

The first four homes brought expressions of horror from the women of the party. There were ragged children, dark, unsanitary, pest-ridden rooms and foodless kitchens.

One of the homes was that of Mrs. Belbina Skupin of No. 4319 Larkin Street. She was at work in the yards. The six Skupin children were huddled in the room, waiting for their mother to return.

"I didn't think such things existed outside books," said Miss Walsh, after looking about the cheerless home.

One home that brought favorable comment was on the list furnished by the Stock Yards Welfare Workers. There the women testified that their husbands earned \$16 a week at the yards.

"Do you find it possible to live comfortably on your husband's earnings?" asked Judge Alschuler.

"If anything should happen, or if there should be sickness, we would be in a terrible fix," replied the woman in Polish.

**HOMES POORLY LIGHTED AND OTHER CONDITIONS BAD.**

Conditions on the whole were regarded as bad. Most of the homes were poorly lighted, the ventilation was bad and sanitary conditions were poor.

Rents were found to be from \$4.50 a month for two rooms to \$12 a month for four rooms.

In one home seven children were found, the youngest a baby of fourteen months, the oldest a boy of eight years. The father had gone to work early in the morning and the mother had gone to work in the afternoon, on the return of the oldest boy from school. The baby was being "mothered" by a girl of four, while the oldest boy acted as a sort of a father. None of the younger children had shoes or stockings, and their underwear was filthy.

The only food to be found was the remains of a pot of weak coffee, half a loaf of yeast bread and a bottle containing a mess of cabbage. In the window of this "home," which was in a basement, was a food conservation card. "Don't Waste Food."

In another basement home a woman with two children was washing clothes, and the air was so thick from a pot of something being cooked that the party had to leave without making a detailed examination.

Three children without shoes or stockings were found in one place. The house comprised three rooms. The mother was ill in bed, and the father, who said he had been forced to lay off because of his sick wife, was crouched over a stove which was barely warm. He said he earned \$16.66 a week at the stock yards.

## AVERAGE PAY \$825 A YEAR IN BIG PACKING HOUSES

Employers Submit Figures in Face  
of \$1,177 Estimate of Minimum  
Budget for Family.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Packing house employees in three of Chicago's big plants receive an annual average wage of \$825.47, according to packers' statements submitted to Arbitrator Alschuler today. This follows testimony by economic experts that \$1,177 is the absolute minimum budget on which a family of five can live comfortably.

The statements were prepared by the packers on request of attorney Frank P. Walsh, representing the employees in the Stock Yards wage arbitration.

Swift & Co. reported a total of 26,793 men employed in 1917 at an average wage of \$849.50; Morris & Co., 11,130 at \$816.29; Armour & Co., 22,281 at \$810.12.

It was shown that Swift & Co. made 6.2 mills on each pound of meat; Morris & Co., 4 mills, and Armour & Co., 4.7 mills.

**Mother and Six Children Perish as Home Burns Down.**  
ST. AMABLE DE VERCHERES.

## HER LETTERS INNOCENT.

Girl Freed of Charge Under Trading With Enemy Act.

Miss Astrid Amundson of No. 208 West 93d Street, accused of violating the Trading With the Enemy Act, was acquitted in the United States District Court, Brooklyn, last night. The jury disagreed in the case of her co-defendant, Thor Lund, agent for the Bonnet Tours Company, and he will be tried again.

Miss Amundson, a daughter of a captain in the Norwegian Navy, has been in this country only since last September. She intrusted unopened letters to Lund to be delivered to her sweet heart, Gustafson, a Swedish Canadian. The jury found the letters to be innocent.

**SHIP'S COOK COMMENDED.**  
Avon, N. Y., Naval Reserve Relieved Icebound Light Keeper.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—William A. Gray, ship's cook, naval reserve force of Avon, N. Y., was commended for bravery and skill by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today.

Gray made a trip through the ice of the North Channel on Jan. 11, bringing food and relief to the keeper of the Toronto Marsden Lighthouse. The lighthousekeeper had been locked in by the ice for three weeks.

## T. B. K., & C., STUMPS JUDGE.

Can't Get Final Papers Until Court Brushes Up on Anthropology.

Supreme Court Justice Callaghan of Brooklyn is spending this holiday in the study of anthropology—the reason being Mr. T. B. K. & C. v. Kwanza Khan Hall of Brooklyn and India.

In 1903 Mr. T. B. K. & C. came to New York and in 1910 he declared his intent to become an American citizen. Now he wants his final papers.

"I've got to study up," said the Justice to T. B. K. & C. "and find out whether you are Caucasian, Mongolian or what—to see whether you are affected by the Exclusion Act. Come back on Monday."

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THIS is a topic we all hear now-a-days because so many people are inclined to exaggerate. Yet has any physician told you that we claimed unreasonable remedial properties for Fletcher's Castoria? Just ask them. We won't answer it ourselves, we know what the answer will be.

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## \$20,000 FOR MINER'S DEATH.

A jury yesterday in the Brooklyn Federal Court awarded \$20,000 to Mrs. Mary Gudecki, whose husband Julian, a miner, was killed at the Pine Hill Coal Company's colliery at Minersville, Pa., when a cage in which he was being lifted overturned.

Baltus S. Yankaus, a lawyer of No. 151 Nassau Street, took up the case for the women and secured a release for \$20 a month for a year and her personal cost money free. The accident occurred Sept. 22, 1914. A year after that date the company stopped its payments. After that Mrs. Gudecki supported herself and her six children with difficulty.

# WANAMAKER'S

Broadway at Ninth Store Closes at 5

## "Half-Price Days"

Closing the February Furniture Sale  
Start Tomorrow, Saturday  
With "Open Evenings" for Furniture

According to custom during the final days of the February Sale, we take

- all broken suites and suites not to be re-ordered;
- all sample pieces where reserve stocks have been sold out;
- all patterns that are not to be continued in regular stocks;
- and make a final clearance

At Half the Standard Prices

This furniture at half is grouped in front of the elevators on the Fifth and Sixth Galleries, and because there is not enough room to show the entire lot at one time, it will be placed on sale each day with fresh groups.

**Ready Tomorrow, Saturday**

Bedroom suites in mahogany and enamel—in matched suites and separate bedrooms, bureaus, chiffoniers, chiffoniers, dressing tables, night stands, tables.  
Dining-room suites of mahogany and oak—in matched suites and in separate buffets, china cabinets, serving tables, extension tables.  
Living-room suites—both in matched suites and in separate pieces, chairs, rockers, tables, bookcases, desks and novelty furniture.  
And hundreds of individual separate pieces for all rooms in the house except the kitchen.

**Furniture Store Open Evenings**

For the convenience of people who cannot shop in the day-time during these busy war days, and especially for the convenience of the husband and wife shopping together, the furniture floors during these closing Half-price Days of the February Sale will be open every evening until nine o'clock.

The main Ninth Street door of the New Building and the Subway Entrance at Astor Place will be open, where express elevators will be found leading direct to the Fifth and Sixth Galleries, the furniture floors.

**Because of War Conditions**

and because of the unusual weather conditions during February, which blocked traffic, these special open evenings are an emergency measure in the interest of public service.

Also because of war conditions and because of curtailed space due to the expansion of other merchandise sections of the store, we shall offer

**In These Half-Price Days**

A larger variety of furniture;  
A larger variety of furniture;  
More of the "staples" among the furniture  
People have told us that this has been the best February Furniture Sale we have ever held, and we mean to make the closing days the most notable in our history, and of the utmost service to the public.

See for yourself tomorrow!  
Fifth and Sixth Galleries, New Building

**2,200 of Dodd, Mead & Co.'s Books—A Rare Close-Out**

Publisher's prices—25c to \$8 a vol.  
Our prices, Saturday—5c to \$2 a vol.

Dodd, Mead & Co. are taking these books off their lists, which means that they won't be advertised by them any more. So they have closed out to the whole world 2,200 books on history, travel, art, biography, a few volumes of fiction, and some essays. And fortunate book-lovers will find them, Saturday, in the Book Store, Eighth Gallery, New Building.

**Some of the Titles, Authors and Prices**

Title	Author	Pub. price	Our price
Bohemia in London	Arthur Ransome	\$2.00	50c
The Revolt of the Netherlands	Mary Farley Sanborn	1.25	30c
A Woman by India	Archie B. Spence	1.75	40c
Motor and Motorists	Henry J. Spence	.50	15c
King Edward and his People	Henry J. Spence	2.00	50c
From Capetown to London	G. W. Stead	1.25	30c
A Spring of Life	Josephine Turner	2.00	50c
The River of the South	P. N. Wilson	2.00	50c
Life and Letters of James W. Wilson	Robert Wilson	.60	15c
Thackeray in the United States	James Grant Wilson	.50	15c
Life and Letters of James W. Wilson	Robert Wilson	1.00	25c
Marie Dore in Japan	William Wells	1.00	25c
Parables from the Bible	Arthur of Aryste	6.50	1.60
An Ideal of the Bible	Joseph P. Bacon	1.25	30c
The Auto of St. Walter Bonatti	Walter Bonatti	2.00	50c
Pippa Passes	Robert Browning	1.50	35c
A Daughter of the South	Elizabeth W. Chapman	1.50	35c
In and Out of a French Country House	Anna Bowman Dodd	2.25	55c
Life of James Martineau	Rev. James Drummond	4.00	2.00
Kontakskinder	W. M. Hayes	1.00	25c
In the Palace of the Sultan	Anna Bowman Dodd	4.00	1.00

Book Store, Eighth Gallery, New Building.

## MEN

307 Suits at \$13.75

\$22.50 to \$30 grades.  
Winter Sale price, \$16.75.  
Saturday—\$13.75.  
This price is put upon them only because sizes are broken and it is good business to clean them out. It is equally good business for men to buy them.

**Here's the List**

REGULAR SIZES—34—37; 35—37; 36—4; 37—4; 39—1; 44—1; 46—2; 50—1.  
STOUT SIZES—37—3; 38—3; 39—3; 40—3; 42—1; 44—1; 46—2; 50—1.  
LONG SIZES—34—17; 35—32; 36—3; 37—3; 40—8; 42—3; 44—1; 46—2.  
SHORT SIZES—34, 37, 39, 44—1 each

**212 Overcoats, \$18.50 Each**

Buy one Saturday.  
And save \$11.50.  
They'll be \$30 next season.

Oxford, self collars, sizes 34 to 46 (regular), in a very good worsted cheviot.  
Burlington Arcade Floor, New Building

*The John Wanamaker Store*

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59TH TO 69TH STREET—LEXINGTON TO 3D AVENUE

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO—THE HOME OF TRUTH—

Stunning Frocks of Silk  
For Women and Misses  
Special, \$24.95

Fine Quality Taffeta and  
Crepe de Chine, All Georgette  
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Spring colors in soft, clinging Georgette frocks—the most girlish models you ever saw. Bodice is embroidered in colored floss or bead work; skirt full gathered or trimmed with folds posed over China silk.

Taffeta frocks, in ten models, offer much variety in Russian, straight-line or belted models, soutache-embroidered or button-trimmed bodices—and colors.

Crepe de chine frocks are such appealing values and so unusual that women will want to see them.

Georgette and taffeta create an exquisite model, as pictured, at \$24.95.

True Copies of Considerably Higher-Priced Models

**"Merode" Sample Union Suits, 59c**

Extraordinary quality and value in these fine weave garments in combed yarn and white lisle finish. Trimmed with lace, reinforced tight or wide knee, low neck, envelope style. Every article trade marked and strictly first quality. Would ordinarily sell at much higher price.

**Men's Union Suits \$1.29 and \$1.98**

The other day we made a fortunate purchase of several hundred Carter's Union Suits. Because of slight but almost imperceptible mill faults we are able to offer them to you at much less than usual.

Heavy cotton ribbed, egg color, \$1.29  
Heavy and medium weight, gray merino, \$1.98  
Exceptional value at these prices.

**Fine Quality Silk Bags in Various Unique Shapes \$2.95**

Pleasing variety of Spring bags of better quality throughout than one associates with the low price of \$2.95.

Illustration No. 1. Tapering shape, with lid beaded; mirror, underneath. Of lustrous satin, silk lined.

Illustration No. 2. Made like a small-size mail sack, lined with lustrous. Finished with silk tassels.

Illustration No. 3. Lantern shape, of satiny, mirror, underneath. Covered with on chain and silk tassels.

Illustration No. 4. Shopping-knitting "carry" bag, very smart. Silk lined, with a purse.

**All Spring Tones—Also Black**

**Meat Department**

Roasting Veal, 1 lb. 16c  
Legs of Lamb, 1 lb. 28c  
Rib Roast of Beef, 1 lb. 20c

Legs of Canada Lamb, 1 lb. 24c  
Dry-Picked Roasting Chicken, special, 1 lb. 38c

**Women's Gloves, 69c**

For this considerable price our choice of fine gloves in 24-hour double silk or 24-hour washable Suedette; black, white, gray, colors.

**Men's Suede Kid Gloves 89c**

Most exceptional value in these gray suede gloves, with Paris point or 3-row self or black embroidered backs.

**Knitting Bags at \$6**

Regularly \$7.50. Pin seal in black, gray, blue, brown; exceptionally good. As useful as they are good-looking; will serve as shopping bags as well.

**Sport Shop Sundries**

BOXING GLOVES—youths—50 sets of \$3.50 grade—Saturday \$2.50.  
ROLLER SKATES—40 pairs standard make, \$4 grade—Saturday \$2.75.  
STRIKING BAGS—\$4.50 to \$6.50 grades—Saturday one-third less.  
SMOKER'S STANDS—Flemish copper and bright steel, \$3 grade—Saturday \$1.50.  
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